

Texas Vaccine Providers Webinar Highlights – March 22, 2022

Review the highlights of the topics covered in the March 22nd webinar below or view the [full recording](#) for detailed information.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Guidance

- People who previously received antibody products as part of COVID-19 treatment, **can be vaccinated at any time. COVID-19 vaccination does not need to be delayed following receipt of monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma.** For more information, please review the [People who received passive antibody products section](#) of the [CDC’s Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Approved or Authorized in the United States](#).
- Vaccine Management Plans are a COVID-19 Vaccine Program requirement. TXDSHS has resources to assist providers in creating a vaccine management plan for their organization. You can access the template at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/covid19/DSHS-Vaccine-Management-Plan-Templates.pdf>
- To follow best practices for vaccine storage, please ensure that you DO:
 - Place vaccine in breathable plastic mesh baskets and clearly label baskets by type of vaccine
 - Keep baskets 5 to 8 cm from walls and other baskets
 - Keep vaccine in their original boxes until you are ready to use them
 - Keep vaccines with shorter expiration dates to the front of the shelf/basket
 - Keep temperature between 2 and 8 degrees C (aim for 5 degrees C)
 - Check and log temperature twice a day
- To ensure vaccine viability, please ensure that you DO NOT do the following in vaccine storage:
 - Store food or drink in refrigerator – only vaccine in vaccine storage unit
 - Place vaccine in solid plastic trays or containers
 - Store vials out of their original individual packaging
 - Place vaccine in drawers or on floor of refrigerator
 - Open door more than necessary
- Providers are responsible for maintaining [cold chain](#) through the transfer process. Utilizing a Temperature Monitoring Device in transfer is a requirement outlined by the COVID-19 Vaccine Program agreement and is critical to maintaining vaccine viability.

COVID-19 Vaccine Product Ordering Updates

- **Please update your VaccineFinder with active provider information** to ensure CDC data accurately reflects your efforts and inventory. VaccineFinder helps individuals find vaccines near them and is the source of data for all inventory assessments. Inaccurate reports can impact vaccine orders and threshold amounts. Please contact CARS_Helpdesk@cdc.gov or 1-833-748-1979 for support.

Provider Resources:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Management Resources \(training and support materials\)](#)
- [ImmTrac2 User Training Site](#)
- [ImmTrac2 Forms and Documents](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment Information](#)
- [CDC Clinical Considerations for or Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [EUA Fact Sheet for Janssen Vaccine](#)
- DSHS Provider Help Desk: (833) 832-7068, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; Email: COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov

Live Q&A:

Below are some of the questions DSHS subject matter experts answered during the webinar’s live Q&A sessions.

- Any updates on when second booster shots will be approved and recommended?
- For transfers, does the receiving provider have to do any paperwork?
- Do we return expired COVID-19 vaccines back to the state or do we let them expire?
- Is there a way to combine two different ImmTrac2 accounts for the same individual?
- What are the proper storage guidelines if you are offsite and need 3-4 vials of COVID-19 vaccine at a time?

